

COLORED PERSONS ASKED TO COME BACK Bishop Buys Tickets to help Vets

The Ministerial Alliance Appoints Committee in Tuesday's Meeting

Being duly appointed as a committee from the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance in our meeting last Tuesday for the purpose of respectfully expressing our feeling concerning the methods that are being used with reference to our people in the matter of registration, we write this article.

First of all, as ministers and leaders of our people we wish to state that there is no disposition on our part to say or do one thing that will disturb the peace and harmony of the town and community in which we live. We wish to make it clear that it is our object and our motive to teach our people to be law abiding citizens. We know, however, that it is not probable that all members of our race will do right, but this does not alter the fact that it is our desire and teaching that they should do right. We feel that the history and record of the Negro in Meridian and Lauderdale County, when compared with others in the manner of being law abiding citizens, will compare favorably with the record of others. In considering these matters, the opportunities that are given our race must surely be considered.

REGISTRATION

It has been announced through a local news article on more than one occasion, that the books would be open for registration on February 15th. All citizens of Lauderdale County under the laws of the state of Miss. have the right to register, or re-register as the case may be, with certain requirements. The citizens of Lauderdale County have been urged to begin registering on February 15th. Some of us as Negro citizens being qualified and some having been registered citizens for a number of years, heeded the call made through the local news article.

When the books are opened for the purpose of paying taxes, the county is glad to get our money; it wants our money; it needs our money, but when it comes to going up to register, it appears to us that we are not wanted.

We wonder why there is so much hesitancy in allowing us the things granted us by the law. We wonder where is the Christianity that is being preached from the many pulpits of Lauderdale County? Do our civic duties and privileges stop at tax paying? Is it possible that men who are supposed to be Christians; who are church members and who are church officers, forget us in our obedience and loyalty to law and order and that the Negro has tried, in a humble and respectful manner, to be true to his community, even though this loyalty may be a great sacrifice.

We wonder where is the golden rule as taught by the great teacher: "What ye would that men do to you, do ye even so to them".

Signed Committee: Rev. M. T. J. Howard, pastor of St. Paul M. E. Church; M. Williams, Pastor of the Congregational church;

G. W. Johnson, Pastor of Haven Chapel M. E. Church;

E. F. Young, pastor of Zion Hill C. M. E. Church;

Eugene Webb, pastor Lauderdale Circuit, M. E. Church;

W. G. Wilson, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church;

R. L. Young, pastor of Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST SUNDAY SUNDAY

The St John Baptist Sunday School was opened at 9:30 o'clock by the Asst. Supt., Brother Luther Noble. After devotional exercises, the classes passed to their respective places and were forcibly taught, resembling a short program was rendered. Mrs. Maud Hollaway discussed the topic which was enjoyed very much. Mr. E. F. Evans discussed the blackboard review which was carefully outlined so as everyone could get the meaning of each picture. He can always bring thoughts worthwhile.

Rev. D. J. Jones reviewed the lesson in general and brought ideas to the mind so plain that the smallest child could understand. Rev. R. Poole, a visitor, was introduced and made some encouraging remarks. We are always glad to have visitors come see what we are endeavoring to do. Our cradle roll department is real interesting. The Abdelemech and Debbora classes are equally so. The latter two had a race for the financial banner which was captured by the men although the ladies said they were willing for them to have the banner once this year.

One hundred and twenty-two were present. A very nice contribution was realized.

ABDEMELECH AND DEBBORA CLASSES OF ST. JOHN TO MEET

The Abdelemech and Debbora classes of the St John Baptist Sunday School will meet at the church Tuesday evening at 7:30. The following program will be rendered:

Singing by the classes; scripture reading, Mrs. Robert McDonald; prayer, Mr. E. G. Evans; singing by the classes; paper, Miss Lillian Brown; response, Mr. J. B. Bryant; duett, Mesdames M. Evans and L. B. Rush; lesson to be taught by Rev. D. J. Jones; singing by the classes; topic, Mrs. Eva Mosley; solo, Miss Anna Cockrell; remarks by Mr. Luther Noble.

CLEVELAND OHIO NEWS A Surprise birthday party

A delightful surprise birthday party was given to John Pierpont Morgan Saturday evening February 18th, at his home by his Mother and Father, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Morgan.

John was presented a delightful array of gifts that included a one quarter pound gold medal from his father, G. A. Morgan, internationally known inventor. Mr. Morgan invented one of the first Gas Masks used in the world war and was presented this medal in 1914 by the American Museum of Safety as first grand international prize for having invented the simplest and best life saving device shown at the Exposition of Safety and Sanitation. The device was known as Morgan's National Safety Hood. Mr. Morgan in presenting the medal requested that the token remain in the family and be handed down from one generation to the other, to mark the event of the 21st birthday of each generation of the male sex.

John was complimented on his morals and obedient conduct. The fact was pointed out to him that he had traveled a cheerful and smooth road that had been made by his father and that he would never travel again. Also to prepare him self to step in his fathers place and be ready to shoulder his fathers burden at any time, as each year passes on his parents are growing

weaker and he in his youth, stronger.

After the medal was presented to John Morgan, in his father's residence the young man made a short speech thanking his Mother and Father. The party then went into the office and factory building of the G. A. Morgan Hair Rfg. Co. which was beautifully decorated with American Flags and flowers. The young group danced and were served with refreshments until an early hour.

Among those present were Mrs. Alex. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jackson, Mrs. Miranda Cheeks, Misses LaVonia McTier, Mary Powers, Louise Cheeks, Dorothy Ormes, Qendolyn Clayton, Lillian Turner, Dollie Murrell, Messrs. H. Slaughter Jr., Alex. Martin, Geo. Anderson, Norman Parker, Dwight Brinck, Ceyril Crawford Melvin Hawkins, Dudley Turner, Ali Rodez, Russell Crane, George Hooper, Earl Hooper and many others.

REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS MISSISSIPPI CODE 1930 ANNOTATED VOLUME 2

The Weekly Echo attempts to give a few suggestions to our people in the following article which may be of some help to them with reference to registration and voting, as well as a faint knowledge of the constitution of the state of Mississippi.

No. 6178 APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRARS-The state board of election commissioners, on or before the fifteenth day of February succeeding each general election, shall appoint in the several counties registrars of elections, who shall hold office for four years and until their successors shall be duly qualified. And the registrar is empowered to appoint a deputy registrar with the consent of the board of election commissioners, who may discharge the duties of the registrar.

No. 6182 FORM OF REGISTRATION BOOKS.- The registration books are to be in the following form: They shall have printed at the top of the pages the oath prescribed by section two hundred and forty-two of the constitution, and beneath shall be ruled appropriate columns, the headings of which shall be printed respectively as follows, viz:

Date of registration; names of electors; age; color; occupation; where business carried on; if employed, by whom; place of residence in the district etc. are given.

No. 6183. WHEN AND WHERE REGISTRATION MADE; NOTICE- The registrar shall keep his books open at his office, and shall register the electors of his county at any time but in the year of every general election, and not less than four months before said election the registrar shall visit etc.

No. 6184. REGISTRAR TO REGISTER VOTERS-The registrar shall register on the registration books of the election district of the residence of such person any one appearing before him, and being, upon examination, by him adjudged entitled to be registered as an elector, upon such person taking and subscribing the oath required by No. 242 of the constitution; but persons who may be entitled to register under the provisions of No. 251 of the constitution, who would be otherwise disqualified by reason of age, may take the oath as modified by that circumstance, and the subscription of the oath shall be by the elector writing his name or making his mark in the proper column in the registration book.

No. 6185 PERSON NOT TO REGISTER UNLESS HE CAN READ.- A person shall not be registered unless he be

able to read any section of the constitution, or, in case he cannot read, unless he be able to understand any section thereof when read to him, or to give a reasonable interpretation thereof.

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WILL BISHOP NOAH WILLIAMS,

of the A. M. E. Church attend the forthcoming benefit ball for the Confederate Veterans of the Civil War which will be held in Columbia, S. C., under the auspices of the Columbia Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, is the noted question before the organization and the populace in general. The Bishop has upon request purchased two tickets to aid the veterans who fought in against the Union in the War of Brothers, and now every one is wondering whether or not he will use the tickets.

TABERNACLE

The Tabernacle 4H. Club met in its regular meeting Thursday February 16th at 12:00 O'clock with the Vice president, Miss Alberta Warington presiding. Under the direction of the club leader, Mrs. Annie Smith the girls baked cookies for the school closing.

Mrs. Ester Butler was present and gave a demonstration of mashed potatoes.

Interesting games were played, after which some timely remarks were made by Mrs. Butler along the line of club work. The following persons were appointed captains:

Sewing capt. _____ Alberta Washington
Cooking " _____ Uretha McElroy
Canning " _____ Madge McClellon
Garden " _____ Dorothy Bassfield
Poultry " _____ Louise McElroy
Home improvement _____ Ester Adkinson

SCHOOL

Tabernacle Public School closed Friday February 17th with a goodly number of parents present. A very interesting program was rendered by the school and some timely remarks were made by the Teacher, Mrs. Crawford. Mrs. Brooking being ill was unable to be present.

P. T. A.

The Tabernacle P. T. A. met in its last meeting of the school term Friday February at 12:30, with Mrs. Annie Smith presiding, after which a brief discussion of school property and the time of meeting for the club, we then listened to Mrs. Louise Webb, the Lauderdale County Jones Teacher who brought to us a wonderful message.

Her subject was, The need and benefit of consideration and how to obtain it. Mrs. Webb asked that we as par-

ents for get our selves, our friends and business and see the need of our Negro boys and girls.

May she live long to make such strong speeches to parents, and may our hearts be open and hands willing with the help of others to see and supply our children needs.

Mrs. Annie L. Smith, Rep.

MRS. SARAH NELSON TENDERED DINNER PARTY

Thursday, February 16th, Mrs Sarah Nelson served a delicious dinner at her home on the asylum heights honoring Prof. McAllister. Other guests were Rev. L. E. Johnson, District Supt., Meridian District, Alfred Nelson, pastor of Rose Hill M. E. Church. Messrs Frank Berry, John Fullilove. Mesdames A. Nelson, L. E. Johnson and Mary Bell Albert.

The guests expressed themselves as having enjoyed an enjoyable evening and many words of praise were given the hostess for such a wholesome meal.

The Langston Hughes Dramatic Club to Appear at the First Congregational Church.

The Langston Hughes Dramatic club an organization composed of members of various churches of the city will give a program at the Vesper hour, 6 o'clock, Sunday, February 26th. The numbers will be varied and a large attendance is expected. The public is invited.

BANQUET PUT OVER IN HIGH STYLE

Thursday night, February 23, a banquet was given at Rose Hill M. E. Church, sponsored by Ladies Aid No. 1

The church was beautifully decorated in green pot flowers. The large number of tables, arranged in the cafeteria style, were each centered with a vase of beautiful flowers. A very interesting program was rendered, with the pastor, Rev. A. Nelson, master of ceremonies. We wish to take this method to thank the many many friends who helped to make this affair a success.

OLD MERIDIANITE SUCCUMBS

Mr. Elia (Dug) Richardson of 1826-11th Avenue, died Saturday, night February 18th at his home. He had been ill for some time. He was the oldest deacon of Pilgrim Baptist church. Interment followed in Odd Fellows cemetery.

He leaves to mourn his passing a wife, one daughter, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

GENERAL PRESIDENT INDISPOSED

Rev. E. F. Young, General President of the H. B. A., has been ill for the last two or three days, however, he is on a speedy road to recovery.

CIRCLE NO. 2 ENTERTAINED

Circle No. 2 met at the home of Mrs. Sadie Wooten, 10th Avenue and 22nd Street, Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Sadie Wooten, the entertaining hostess was very sick. The circle offered prayer to Mrs. Wooten. A nice donation was given to Mrs. Wooten.

The meeting adjourned to meet Tuesday February 28th, with Mrs. Ella Bolden, 1910-13th Avenue.

Members of all the circles are cordially invited to be present.

Mrs. Pinkie Foster, President.
Mrs. Flossie McCarty, secretary.

Dr. N. W. Wallace Preached at Forest, Miss. last Sunday for Rev. J. J. Overstreets and reported a good time.

Bishop Buys Tickets For Ball To Help Destitute Confederate Vets

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 24, (ANP)—Last week Bishop Noah Williams of the A. M. E. church was called on the telephone and questioned as to whether he would purchase a ticket to a benefit ball which is to be given under the auspices of the Columbia Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and Wade Hampton camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, at the exclusive Jefferson Hotel ballroom.

The Bishop said that he would and asked whether he should send the money to get his ticket. The solicitor told him that she would call at his residence in person, which she later did. Arrival at the bishop's residence and finding that he was a colored man, the fair daughter of the Confederacy did not relinquish her intention of making the sale. Instead of selling one ticket to the ball, she sold Bishop Williams two.

When asked whether or not he would attend the ball, the Bishop smiled quizzically and said; I am not certain as to where I shall be on the date of the ball."

Bishop Williams was elected at the General Conference held at Cleveland last May. His home is St. Louis, Mo., where he is very active in Civic affairs. He is a native of Springfield, Illinois.

SECOND MONTH'S RESULT IN GOOD SAMARITAN CAMPAIGN SPONSORED BY THE MERIDIAN STAR

In last week's issue, we failed to carry the total result of the second month's campaign.

The following is a list of the churches and organizations participating in this campaign.

The totals for colored groups are as follows:

The totals for the white groups are as follows:

1. W. M. U. 15 Ave. Baptist	2,898.
526 2. B. and P. W. Club	2,108.054
3. Ladies Aid of Catholic Church	1,486.336
4. Oak Grove Baptist Church	1,394.345
5. 8th Ave. W. M. S.	819.
636 6. Poplar Springs Methodist	604.439
7. 5th St. Methodist Church	272.515
8. Matinee Musical Club	199.942
9. First Presbyterian Women's Auxiliary	185.249
10. Magnolia Buds Jr. W. C. and S.	181.198
11. 41st Ave. Baptist Church	133.446
12. First Christian Church	93.336
13. Salvation Army	61.326
14. American Legion	8,046
15. Ladies Aux. I. A. of M.	6,644
16. Kings' Daughters	4.
17. Jones Memorial Presbyterian	3,501

Totals for the colored groups follows:

1. Newell Chapel	326.289
2. Union Baptist Church	194.026
3. W. B. D. Club, St. Paul's Church	109.214
4. St. Johns Baptist Church	90.171
5. Baptist Seminary	71.345
6. 31 Ave. Baptist Church	53.856

SPECIAL NOTICE TO H. B. A. PRESIDENTS

I am hereby requesting that each presidents be present at the Boards strictly at 10:00 o'clock. Business of importance to be attended to.

We must be through with our Boards not later than 2:00 o'clock each day. In view of fact that we have special business to take care of in the office. Those who are not present, from General Officers on down, at 10:00 o'clock may expect our usual fine for not being present on time.

E. F. Young, General President.

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